

**ARIZONA PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**BEST PRACTICES COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

October 7, 2016

The meeting of the Best Practices Committee of the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC) was called to order by Chair Tobin Sidles on Friday, October 7, 2016, at 10:02 a.m. at the APAAC Office, located at 1951 W. Camelback Road, Suite 202, in Phoenix.

**ROLL CALL**

**Best Practices Committee Members Present**

Tobin Sidles – Chair	Oro Valley Town Prosecutor
Tony Rogers (Telephonic)	La Paz County Attorney
Lando Voyles (Telephonic)	Pinal County Attorney (Telephonic)

**Best Practices Committee Members Present Via Proxy**

Mark Brnovich (Proxy Paula Alleman)	Attorney General
Vicki Hill (Proxy Beth Barnes)	Phoenix City Prosecutor
Barbara LaWall (Proxy Kathleen Mayer)	Pima County Attorney
Bill Montgomery (Proxy Beth Beringhaus)	Maricopa County Attorney

**Best Practices Committee Members Absent**

Brian McIntyre	Cochise County Attorney
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**Staff Present**

Elizabeth Iniguez-Reyna	Meeting & Technology Coordinator
Elizabeth Ortiz	Executive Director

**APAAC 2017 ANNUAL PROSECUTOR CONFERENCE**

Mr. Sidles led a discussion regarding how to maximize the number of attendees for the 2017 Prosecutor Conference, while not sacrificing the quality of the training. APAAC staff provided information regarding the APAAC budget and also the cost associated with reimbursing attendees for travel expenses.

The committee recognized that some attendees would not want to stay at the conference hotel. Based on the APAAC budget and the space constraints of the conference property, the consensus of the committee was that there would be a combined conference registration cap of 500 attendees – up to 425 of those attendees would be provided a hotel room at the conference site, while up to 75 could attend without staying at the hotel. The registration cap of 500 does not include presenters or staff. Further, the consensus was that APAAC would not reimburse any attendees for either mileage or meals. In addition, the committee decided that the registration fee would be set at \$120.00. The registration fee applies to all attendees – regardless of whether or not they are provided a hotel room by APAAC.

Committee members were encouraged to share this information, and the budgetary constraints that impacted the decisions, with their offices.

### **2017 APAAC/APA CO-SPONSORED NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PROSECUTION TRAINING**

Ms. Elizabeth Ortiz reported that APA requested that APAAC partner with them to offer a national training on child abuse in the Phoenix area during the spring of 2017. APA has received a grant to put on the training, and there would be no registration fee to attend. APA requested that APAAC assist in locating a free training facility, in exchange for which APAAC would be given a large number of attendee slots at the training. Ms. Ortiz will update the committee as details regarding the proposed training develop.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Kathleen Mayer asked if, in order to maximize the availability of the Annual Prosecutor Conference trainings, the sessions could be webcast live to prosecutors across Arizona. Ms. Elizabeth Iniguez-Reyna stated that she is researching that possibility for the 2018 conference, and noted that, as in past years, APAAC will continue to record and post as many sessions as possible to our website.

### **NEXT BEST PRACTICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Sidles adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.